

Regular Meeting

March 22, 2021

A. Call to Order & Pledge to the Flag

At the call of the President, Sue Gulas, the Joliet Park District Board of Commissioners met for a Regular Meeting in the Board Room of the Inwood Athletic Club, 3000 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL. The meeting began at 5:00pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Jobe-Gavin.

B. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Tatro, Paul, Jobe-Gavin, Clement, Gulas

Commissioners Absent: None

C. Opportunity For The Public To Speak - 3 minute time limit

When given the opportunity to comment no one from the public came forward to address the Board.

D. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of February 22, 2021

A motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Vice President Clement, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of February 22, 2021. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Clement, Tatro, Paul, Jobe-Gavin

Nays: None

E. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of February 2021 - \$1,485,371.00

1. Includes Spring Fairway Fertilizer Application:

a. Inwood Golf Course – Clesens – \$8,443.00

b. Wedgewood Golf Course – Clesens – \$9,395.00

c. Woodruff Golf Course– Clesens – \$7,516.00

A motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Commissioner Paul, to approve the bills and payroll for the month of February 2021. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Paul, Jobe-Gavin, Tatro, Clement

Nays: None

F. Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2021.

Lisa Banovetz, Director of Finance & Human Resources, gave the Treasurer's report for the end of month of February 2021 as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$	528,535.09
Total Receipts:	\$	9,951,965.72

Total Disbursements:	\$	12,027,345.39
Cash on hand end of month:	\$	143,488.97
Total Investments:	\$	5,497,702.53

Commissioner Jobe-Gavin made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of February 2021. Commissioner Tatro seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Jobe-Gavin, Tatro, Paul, Clement, Gulas
Nays: None

G. Communications

1. Joe Schranz, Midwest SOARRING Foundation – Nature Center Totem Pole
Executive Director Brad Staab stated that Midwest SOARRING Foundation reached out to Nature Center Superintendent Katie Zaban and inquired about the Foundation being involved with the restoration of the Nature Center totem pole.

Dave Nordin, Midwest SOARRING Foundation Associate Board Member, presented the history of the totem pole to the Board and explained how the totem pole should be restored. It was stated that the totem pole can be dated back to around 1900-1912. Mr. Nordin stated that the totem pole was incorrectly repainted and this would be corrected as part of the restoration project. Other items included in the project would be restoring the base support of the totem pole and install educational material.

Mr. Nordin stated that the Foundation is seeking permission from the Board to proceed with receiving estimates on the restoration of the totem pole. The labor portion would be donated by the Foundation’s members and the cost would be for experts to determine the correct type of paint and whether or not the totem pole can be taken down to restore it.

The Board approved Midwest SOARRING Foundation’s request to proceed with receiving estimates on the restoration of the totem pole. The Foundation will come back and present the estimates to the Joliet Park Board.

Joseph Standing Bear Schranz, Midwest SOARRING Foundation President, spoke about the importance and spirituality of the totem pole and how the totem pole represents a Native American tribe. Midwest SOARRING Foundation is a great partner to the Park District and are honored to be involved in the restoration project.

2. Ed West, Project Green Environmental Solutions, Inc.
Ed West from Project Green Environmental Solutions, Inc. did not attend the meeting. No presentation was given.

3. Executive Director Correspondence

Executive Director Brad Staab stated that the Joliet Park District had a great weekend. Registrations are up compared to last year and the parks and golf courses were busy.

Mr. Staab informed the Board that the Inwood Sports Complex (ISC) fields are almost completed. Sod has been installed on five of the six fields. The first youth baseball tournament is the first week of April. It was noted that the ISC bar will be serving only beer and possibly wine at this time and will reevaluate later in the season.

Mr. Staab announced that Will County will receive \$135,000,000 under the America Rescue Plan. This is in addition to the \$120,000,000 under the CARES Act, which the Joliet Park District received around \$300,000 to cover actual COVID related expenses. Mr. Staab stated that Will County has already been contacted regarding the Joliet Park District's need for additional funding to cover total losses, which is around \$3.7 million due to the pandemic.

Mr. Staab thanked part-time and full-time staff for all their work during the past couple of weeks and handling the increased activity and registrations with limited staffing. Mr. Staab commended Park Services for their work on the ISC addition.

2. Staff Reports

Terry Keigher, Director of Recreation, was excited to report that the recreation and sports programs brought in \$154,199 during March 1-18. This is compared to \$137,435 during the same time in 2019.

Mr. Keigher informed the Board that the Park District and the Spanish Community Center are working together on an agreement for exclusive use of Varnado Park and Desmond Park for their youth baseball program.

John Ekstrom, Director of Parks & Golf Grounds, thanked Park Services foreman Tom Wilabay and commended Park Services carpenters for all their hard work at the ISC. Everyone is excited to see the project completed.

Mr. Ekstrom announced that he will be organizing volunteer events once every month to engage the community with cleaning the parks. Mr. Ekstrom started to program last year and it was well received.

H. Action Items

1. Old Business

There was no old business.

2. New Business

- a. Ratification of Beverage Services Agreement with Great Lakes Coca-Cola District

It was noted that due to a time constraint, Mr. Staab received a consensus from the Board to move forward with the Beverage Services Agreement with Great Lakes Coca-Cola District.

Commissioner Tatro made a motion to ratify the approval of the beverage services agreement with Great Lakes Coca-Cola District pending final attorney review and approval. Commissioner Paul seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, Paul, Jobe-Gavin, Clement, Gulas
Nays: None

b. Quotes

1. Ratification of Purchase of Scoreboards for the Inwood Sports Complex Sievert Electric - \$39,871.50

It was noted that due to a time constraint, Mr. Staab received a consensus from the Board to move forward with the purchase of six scoreboards for the Inwood Sports Complex from Sievert Electric in the amount of \$39,871.50.

Commissioner Paul made a motion to ratify the approval of the purchase of the scoreboards for the Inwood Sports Complex from Sievert Electric for \$39,871.50. Commissioner Jobe-Gavin seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Paul, Jobe-Gavin, Tatro, Clement, Gulas
Nays: None

I. Board Comment

1. Committee Report
 - a. Joliet Park Foundation

President Gulas informed the Board that the Joliet Park Foundation will not be participating in a car raffle in partnership with the City of Joliet and local charitable organizations. The initial thought with holding the raffle would be to raise money for the fireworks.

2. Joliet Regional Airport

No Report.

President Gulas announced that she visited all the Joliet Park District facilities recently and how nice it was to see how busy the facilities were and the community enjoying themselves.

- J. Executive Session: The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of a Specific Employee or Legal Counsel for the Park District; Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the Park District, Including Meetings Held for the Purpose of Discussing Whether a Particular Parcel Should be Acquired; The Setting of a Price for Sale or

Lease of Property Owned by the Park District; Pending Litigation; Probable or Imminent Litigation

At 5:49pm, a motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Vice President Clement, to go into Executive Session per the Open Meeting Act to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee of the Park District, Section 2(c)(1); to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the Park District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired, Section 2(c)(5); to discuss the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the Park District, Section 2(c)(6); and, to discuss pending litigation or probable or imminent litigation, Section 2(c)(11). The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Clement, Jobe-Gavin, Paul, Tatro

Nays: None

K. Reconvene to Open Session

At 6:10pm, a motion was made by President Gulas and seconded by Vice President Clement, to reconvene to Open Session. The motion was carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Clement, Tatro, Paul, Jobe-Gavin

Nays: None

L. Action from Executive Session

There was no action.

The Board briefly discussed how the current Covid-19 Restore Illinois guidelines impact the Taste of Joliet and the logistics of holding the event in 2021.

M. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Paul. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jobe-Gavin, and it carried unanimously. The time was 6:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Talarico
Recording Secretary